MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Did he see from the statement that the money market is tight throughout Travancore?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Here also it is given under various places and for various dates. The answer says that there is *now* no such stringency. As a matter of fact, it is given in the next part of the answer that the volume of trade *on the whole* shows an increase rather than a decrease.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand from him that the statement published in the *Gazette* is correct?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, we have no accurate barometric readings in regard to the matter. It is a matter of opinion after all as to what has been the general condition of trade.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to know whether the statement given in the *Gazette* is correct?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The statement with regard to the increased volume of trade as published in the *Gazette* is absolutely correct and it is based on published statistics.

Amount spent for Repairs, etc., at Bhaktivilas.

139. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent so far at Bhaktivilas for repairing and making it better, since the appointment of Mr. M. E. Watts as Dewan;

(*b*) the amounts so spent during the time of Mr. M. Krishnan Nair and Mr. T. Raghaviah; and

(*c*) the amount spent for the purchase of motor cars for use at Bhaktivilas and the number of cars purchased and the money spent on them, since the appointment of Mr. M. E. Watts as Dewan?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 20,603.

(*b*) Rs. 51,456 during the time of Mr. M. Krishnan Nair and Rs. 59,240 during the time of Mr. T. Raghaviah.

These figures include the expenditure on Padmavilas during the respective periods.

(*c*) Two cars at a cost of Rs. 25,408.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know within how many months the expenditure of Rs. 20,603 was incurred?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it may be nearly nine months or a year.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Does this amount include the repairs that were conducted just before Mr. Watts came as Dewan of Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether this amount includes repairs done at Padmavilas?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is stated in the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether the amount of Rs. 51,456 represents the amount spent during the time of Mr. Krishnan Nair for all the seven years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. But the main repairs are done only occasionally.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is said that two cars cost Rs. 25,408. Do not the Government think that it is exorbitant to purchase two cars for such an amount for a Dewan of such a small State as Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not think so. Moreover, a costly car is more durable and will last longer than a cheap car.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then why do the Government go in for a car every year twice or thrice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : We go in for cars only when there is necessity.

Article in the "Citizen" re Beggars.

140. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the letter under the caption "Our work among beggars" appearing in the *Citizen* dated the 24th September 1923?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I kuow what action has been taken by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That cannot be answered. The question is whether Government have perused the letter and it is said they have.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to know whether Government have taken any action.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have not taken any action.

Survey Training and Appointments in the Land Revenue Department.

141. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have ruled that survey training is an essential qualification for appointments in the Land Revenue Department; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the inhabitants in the taluks lying to the north of Kottayam, where non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus, who are not adequately represented in the Revenue Department, mostly live, have not now the required facilities for training in survey?

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